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VA Awards \$6.8 Billion for Medical Disability Examinations

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the awarding of 12 contracts between 5 firms totaling \$6.8 billion to improve the <u>Medical Disability Examination</u> process (Compensation and Pension or Comp and Pen Examinations) for Veterans. The awards are intended to reduce Veterans' wait times for examinations for service-connected benefits, thereby providing faster claims decisions in a more efficient and streamlined way.

"This is good news for Veterans who are waiting for VA to determine whether a condition can be considered service-connected," said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. "For these Veterans, we want the process to be smoother – from beginning to end. When we announced the MyVA initiative in 2014 to improve Veterans' experience with VA, that meant looking at *every* process and *every* product. These awards represent a way for us to improve a significant process for Veterans."

Contracts were awarded to the following firms:

- VetFed Resources, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia;
- Logistics Health, Inc., La Crosse, Wisconsin;
- Medical Support Los Angeles, A Medical Corporation, Pasadena, CA;
- QTC Medical Services, Inc., Diamond Bar, California; and
- Veterans Evaluation Services, Inc., Houston, Texas.

The contracts are being awarded for a period of 12 months with (4) 12-month options, with an aggregate ceiling of \$6.8 billion. The contracts will be managed by VA's Strategic Acquisition Center based in Frederick, MD.

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